

# Federal and State Grants

**Mission.** The mission of the City of Wichita's federal and state grant programs is to secure state and federal resources to support the strategic goals of the City in a manner consistent with the goals of the programs and/or agencies providing the grant funding.

**Overview.** Federal and State grants support a wide variety of City programs and services for citizens. The City Manager oversees all departmental activities under the direction of the City Council. City staff constantly strive to improve service delivery in these programs, by expanding program participation and enhancing the nature and scope of services provided. This effort often pays off in the form of increased grant funding as these programs move to a more outcomes-based focus. Further, City departments are often encouraged to seek out funding through new grant programs and enhancements to existing programs.

The Finance Department provides oversight and support for the various grants administered by the City. The Grants-in-Aid Coordinator assists City departments in proposing grant-funded activities to the City Council, and also assists the City Council in evaluating and submitting applications for grant assistance. After grants are approved by the sponsoring agencies and the City Council, the Grants-in-Aid Coordinator provides ongoing oversight and assistance for these activities, ensuring that services are provided in accordance with program guidelines, City policies, and all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

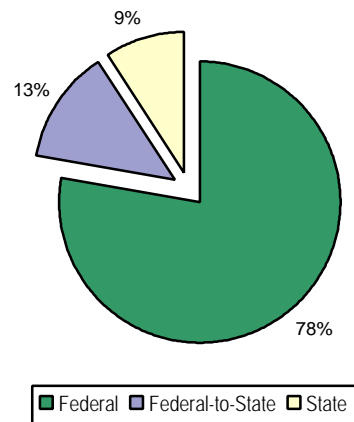


*Finance Department staff provide oversight and support to City departments operating grant programs.*

Other Finance Department staff provide assistance to grant programs as well. The Budget Office evaluates and monitors the fiscal aspects of these programs, providing ongoing financial oversight as grant activities progress. Budget staff also analyze and approve grant budgets, both at the time of initiation and as grant budgets are modified to meet changing needs and realities. The Controller's Office

provides general accounting services to grant programs; these services include processing vouchers, issuing checks, and ensuring that grant financial activities are conducted in accordance with applicable accounting standards and practices.

**Grant Funding by Source: 1998 Receipts\***



Grant assistance is not always self-sufficient; often, local participation in the form of cash or in-kind contributions is required. In addition, many grant programs stipulate limitations or full prohibitions on staff funding for program management and oversight, requiring the City to provide staff and other supporting resources from local funding sources. City staff carefully scrutinize each grant program to ensure that this give-and-take relationship results in a net benefit to target populations and the City as a whole.

**Health and Social Services.** Most of the federal and state grants received by the City of Wichita are administered by the Health Department or the Human Services Department. In 2000, various Human Services Department functions will be transferred to other departments and divisions. These changes will have no significant effect on grant receipts or service delivery levels in grant-funded programs.

The Health Department receives various grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) that aim to protect citizens' health through direct health services and efforts to protect the local environment. Other grants are received through Federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Federal programs like the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and private organizations such as the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF).

The Personal Health Division administers several grant programs to protect the public health through direct services and outreach functions. Examples of such activities include the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, which provides nutritional and other services to expectant mothers and young children; the Immunization Action Plan, which seeks to prevent and contain the spread of disease through preventive immunizations; and the Healthy Children's Initiative, a \$633,000 multi-year project funded through HHS and designed to address children's health needs by providing preventative health care and early screening.

The Environmental Health Division receives grants targeted at protection of the local environment in the areas of air and water quality. Most of these grants pay for environmental testing and sampling activities designed to identify and assess pollution threats to local air and water resources. In a new development, the Health Department will begin using \$200,000 in EPA Brownfield funding to implement a low-interest revolving loan fund for owners and prospective buyers of property adjacent to the Gilbert & Mosley and North Industrial Corridor environmental cleanup areas to assess the environmental condition of the property prior to purchase. If necessary, remediation planning and referral to resources for clean-up will be provided to make properties economically viable.

The Human Services Department receives funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HHS, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Kansas Department of Human Resources (KDHR), the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing (KDOCH), and the U.S. Department of Energy. Grant-funded activities include housing and rental assistance through the Wichita Housing Authority (WHA); homeownership assistance through the HOME program; weatherization assistance for low-income dwellings; and job training, placement, and employment support assistance through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), Welfare-to-Work (WTW), and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs.

HOME funds provided by HUD will generate more than \$600,000 annually in private loan activity for low- and moderate-income homeownership, and Affordable Housing Program funds provided through the Federal Home Loan Bank Board will assist low- and moderate-income home buyers, both in targeted investment areas. In addition, under the HUD Section 5(h) program, up to 347 single-family WHA Public Housing units will be offered for sale to their residents and other low-income persons.

In addition, Career Development activities (including job training and placement assistance programs) previously

performed in various locations scattered throughout the City have recently been consolidated into an easily-accessible and convenient "one-stop" center downtown, within easy reach of public transit and other government services for clients. This approach will maximize available resources by cutting down on the extra costs associated with maintaining many diverse locations, and has already benefited clients by allowing the Career Development Office to construct a sophisticated, state-of-the art computer training center.



*Clients receive computer training and many other services at the new one-stop Career Development Office.*

**Public Safety.** The City of Wichita Police Department, Law Department, and Municipal Court administer grants provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the purpose of enhancing public safety. These grants fund programs related to hiring of new public safety staff, purchases of crime-fighting equipment, community policing, and safe and drug-free schools. The current budget includes approximately \$2.2 million in grant funding for such activities.

The City is using \$1,404,000 in U.S. Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds to implement anti-crime initiatives designed to address youth, improve Municipal Court warrant service, enhance Court security, provide Court enhancements, purchase Police equipment, and provide overtime for additional Police service.

**Planning, Transportation and Infrastructure.** The City of Wichita receives grants from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and HUD (through the CDBG program). These grants provide assistance in comprehensive community planning, development of public transportation systems, and street, sidewalk, and other infrastructure improvements in targeted areas.

Utilizing funding from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing (KDOCH), the Metropolitan Area Planning Department is preparing three neighborhood sector plans and conducting a visioning process with neighborhood residents in the Midtown North, Center City, Hilltop, and

Orchard Breeze areas. These plans will help define neighborhood revitalization/conservation needs and priorities.

The FTA assists Wichita Transit in financing transit planning and administrative support activities, vehicle maintenance, and special services. In 2000, approximately 70% of vehicle maintenance costs will be funded through an FTA grant. The FTA also provides funding for capital improvements. Some of these improvements include vehicle and building maintenance equipment, replacement vans used for transporting physically challenged citizens, additional benches and shelters, and replacement of selected existing shelters. On the state side, the Kansas Legislature adopted a comprehensive transportation plan in 1999 to assist with growing public transportation needs and costs. The resulting funding from KDOT will be directed to both capital needs and enhanced service.

Further FTA funds will be provided to fund 25% of the City's fastest-growing service program: Federally mandated special transportation for physically disabled citizens. The City also receives FTA funding to provide specialized service to citizens facing barriers to employment due to a lack of transportation. Special services include stops at daycare centers, medical clinics, and mid-shift service for family emergencies.

The Public Works Department receives CDBG funding to support contracted improvements to public and neighborhood facilities and infrastructure. Examples include street improvements, sidewalk repair and enhancements, and public facility improvements to accommodate disabled citizens. All of these activities are targeted toward low- and moderate-income citizens and areas of the City.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provides grant funding to support the capital needs of the Wichita Mid-Continent and Jabara Airport facilities. These funds are supplemented by a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of \$3 on each enplaning passenger. The FAA recently granted permission to extend the current PFC program through 2004.

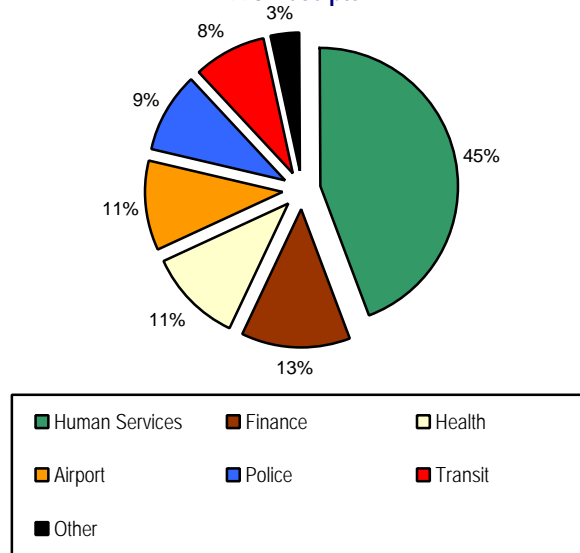
**Culture.** The Wichita Public Library receives grants from the Kansas State Library System (KSLS) and the South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS). KSLS grants provide funding for staff, library materials, office supplies, and computer support. Programs funded include development of the Interlibrary Loan system; special services for blind and physically disabled library patrons; and grants-in-aid for discretionary use as designated by the Wichita Public Library. The SCKLS funds one full-time and one part-time position, plus library materials, in support of cooperative

library programs throughout South Central Kansas.

**General.** The City Manager's Office receives CDBG funding to support citizen involvement and outreach programs, neighborhood assistance/improvement services, and neighborhood community centers. The City strives to enhance and improve public participation in the community decision-making process, and to get neighborhood leaders, citizens, City staff, and City policymakers together in a collaborative approach to solve community problems and target community needs.

The Finance Department also receives CDBG funding. Most of the activities and services funded in this manner relate to CDBG program oversight and administration. The Grants-in-Aid Coordinator and supporting staff are fully funded through the CDBG program. In addition, CDBG funding provides for economic development activities in program-targeted Local Investment Areas (LIA). These activities seek to expand local economic development and opportunities in areas of the City where development has stagnated or declined.

**Grant Funding by Department:  
1998 Receipts\***



\*NOTE: Figure includes grant revenue received in the 1998 calendar year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31). Most federal and state grants operate under fiscal years that do not correspond to the calendar year.